

Grand Rapids Planning Commission

Minutes March 10, 2008

Present: Chairman Raymond Weber; members Thomas Arnold, Rod Dorski Eugene Zager, and Mike Speich, Town Supervisor: Jeanne Fehrman and Zoning Administrator: Lorelei Fuehrer.

Arnold moved, Dorski second, unanimously dispensed with reading and approved February 11, 2008 minutes.

- 1. Mid-State Technical College:** Will be expanding to include a larger police education facility. Craig Hjelle, Facilities Director was in attendance to answer questions regarding the expansion. There will be a mock dwelling interior and a firing range with a munitions room. Ammunition storage will be under lock and key, video camera devices and card access will be installed to upgrade security. Other training rooms will also be added(conference room, E.M.S. skills lab, and a mock dispatch center with an emergency operations center). The existing training rooms will also be remodeled. Looking to start construction this fall and be useable by fall of 2009.

Zager motion, Speich second to grant land Use Permit. Vote Unanimous

- 2. Weed Control:** Discussed the rough draft of a Weed Control Ordinance. Concerns were brought forward as to the definition of a lawn, also concerns were expressed that we have too many ordinances already, how to enforce, and how to bill (seems complicated).

Zager moved, Dorski second to review, shorten and encompass into the nuisance ordinance. Vote unanimous.

- 3. Fireworks Ordinance:** Zoning administrator informing Planning Commission of the upcoming Ordinance that will be presented to Town Board.

- 4. Zoning Administrators Report:** Fuehrer expressed the need for an Ordinance to address Commercial property screening where the Commercial Property abuts residential property. Another issue that needs to be clarified are the setbacks for Commercial Properties.

Fuehrer also discussed the repeal of Ordinance #22 which refers to State Statue 66.35(1) which is no longer in existence. This Ordinance was overlooked when the Ordinance book was codified.

- 5. Other Public Input:** Zager attended City of Wisconsin Rapids Planning Commission on March 3rd and a discussion ensued as to the RR ROW that abuts the Bohn Property on Bohn Dr. The city may be planning on asking for more land for a future roadway but decided to approve Bohn survey map without asking for more property easement. Arnold asked after collaboration over the sewer and water agreement that was made years ago on a handshake. May be old records but, very hard to find. Was the population of Grand Rapids used for the Federal Grant Analysis? Where would the Town begin to look for records?

Speich and citizen Bill Clendenning presented information on the Biron and Grand Rapids meetings. Clendenning brought town up to date on the TIF grant between the County and Biron. Clendenning presented to the commission two (2) papers from the developers as to the proposal to the Village of Biron. Fehrman reiterated that there is a lot going on in our town right now and everything that is being done is being put on paper.

Clendenning mentioned that we need to put a disclaimer at the bottom of the agenda for board member attendance at the Planning Commission Meetings.

Tentative meeting date---April 14, 2008

Speich moved, Arnold second, adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes by Planning Commission Secretary

Lorelei Fuehrer